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NOTE FOR: Legislative Counsel

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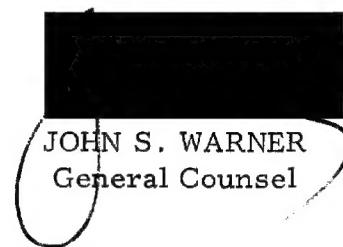
I have gone over Proxmire's bill and GAO's letter to him. I am not sure of the urgency of 19 February because obviously this should be a most carefully constructed letter. Here are a few thoughts.

a. First of all, we should research to determine the endorsement that the Comptroller General gave the CIA Act of 1949. We should also review carefully the correspondence concerning the withdrawal of GAO from the Agency. This is all neatly packaged.

b. Next, I think we should put in perspective the various STATINTL proposals for a joint committee, on which I think [redacted] has not done an objective job.

c. Furthermore, we have to consider whether we are going to bite the bullet of saying we have no objection to GAO conducting voucher audits.

d. Similarly, we are going to have to make up our minds whether we are going to fight for non-audit of 8(b) expenditures. I think we should stand strong on this, reaching into history where intelligence expenditures have not been reviewed. We can go back to George Washington and come forward. Further, it raises possible Constitutional questions on separation of powers.



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